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Reminders:

1. **"Inspections for Certification"** must be completed prior to or on the expiration date shown on your Certificate of Inspection.
2. **"Reinspections"** may be completed within 60 days before and 60 days after the anniversary date of the Certificate of Inspection.
3. **"Drydock Exams"** must be conducted prior to or on the "Next Exam" date shown on the second page of your Certificate of Inspection.

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From the Desk of ...



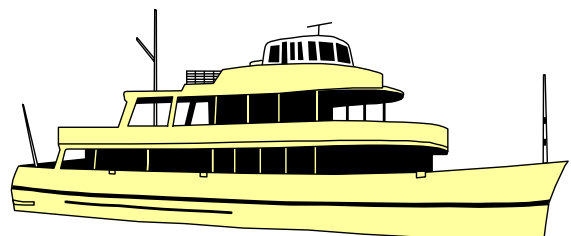
Allow me to introduce myself, I am LT Connie Rooke, the Chief of the Commercial Vessel Safety Department at Marine Safety Office Detroit. I transferred to Detroit the first week in July of this year. My previous assignments in marine safety include Marine Safety Offices Hampton Roads, VA and Wilmington, NC.

For the past few months we have been exploring better ways of communicating with you, our customers; hence, this new Small Passenger Vessel Newsletter. We will publish this newsletter semi-annually with "Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIBs)" being published as often as necessary to keep everyone abreast of important information regarding new rules, regulations, and lessons learned. We hope you will find the information useful and timely.

We have also re-established the MSO Detroit website, at ...
www.uscg.mil/d9/www/mso/detroit/index.html
You will find copies of our newsletters, MSIB's and other useful information there.

I look forward to hearing from you, the owners and operators, on how we can improve our inspection service and achieve our common goal of safe passenger operations.

Thank you,
LT Connie Rooke





Basic Repair Guidance: “Before you start ...”

Repairs and modifications made to your vessels should be brought to the attention of our inspectors prior to starting the work. Any type of work that may involve, for example: the hull structure, life-saving equipment, fire-fighting system, or major machinery should be reported to this office. Depending on the type of work, drawings, equipment information and approval from us may be required. If you have any doubt whether or not Coast Guard approval is required, just give us a call and we will let you know if anything further is necessary.

Guidance used by our inspectors for approving all of the different types of repairs or modifications is also available to you on-line. This guidance can be found in the USCG Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular's (NVIC's) which are written by the Coast Guard to provide more detailed direction to field inspectors.

They can be found at the following web site:
www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/index.htm

Some examples of NVIC's available that we use routinely for hull repairs are:

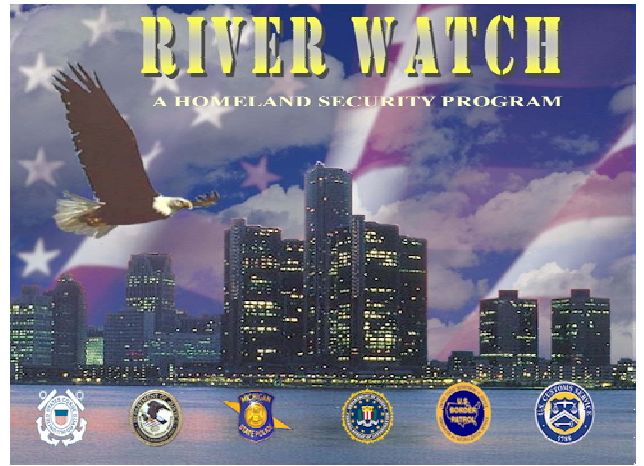
NVIC 7-68 - Notes on Inspection & Repair of Steel Hulls

NVIC 11-80 - Structural Plan Review Guidelines for Aluminum SPV's

NVIC 8-87 - Notes on Design, Construction, Inspection & Repair of FRP Vessels

NVIC 7-95 - Guidance on Inspection, Repair & Maintenance of Wooden Hulls

These are not federal regulations but are used by Coast Guard inspectors as guidance and in general will provide you with a lot of good information about nearly any system on your boat and how to repair it.



As a result of the terrorist attacks within the United States, there has been an increased public awareness of illegal activities. Much like the “Neighborhood Watch Program”, MSO Detroit’s RIVER WATCH program is meant to inform, educate and enlist the assistance of all persons who witness suspicious activities. It provides information on what to look for and who to call and is meant to cause uncertainty in the minds of potential terrorists and criminals. Be our eyes and ears so we can help calm your fears.

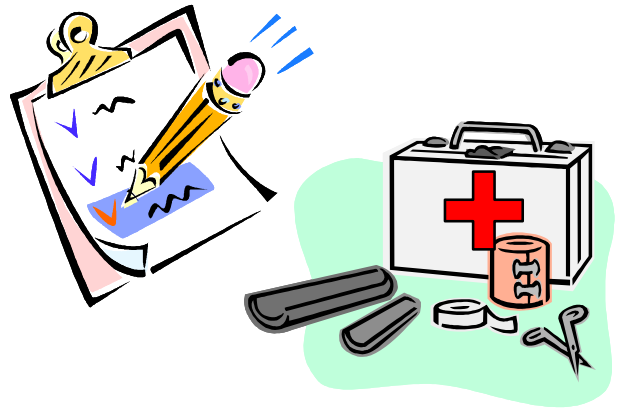
For additional information about the Southeast Michigan RIVERWATCH Program contact MSTC Don Ball - USCG Marine Safety Office Detroit at 313-568-9504 or email daball@msodetroit.uscg.mil

**To report suspected
terrorism, smuggling,
illegal entry or suspicious
activity call:**

**RIVER WATCH
1-800-537-3220
or
VHF-FM CHANNEL 16**

First Aid Kits for Small Passenger Vessels ... time to inventory and restock

With the season winding down for the year, now is a great time to add "First Aid Kits" to your winter work lists. The information below is taken directly from the regulations and reprinted to help you put your kits back in order. Also be sure to check the expiration date on items such as aspirin, eyewash and ointments.



46 CFR 121.710 First aid kits and 184.710 First aid kits

A vessel must carry a first aid kit approved in accordance with Sec. 160.041 in Subchapter Q of this chapter, or other standard specified by the Commandant, or a kit with equivalent contents and instructions. For equivalent kits, the contents must be stowed in a suitable container that is marked, "First Aid Kit". A first aid kit shall be easily visible and readily available to the crew. **Note:** Manufacturers of "equivalent" kits may also mark them with the following or similar wording:

"This First Aid Kit meets the Coast Guard's minimum requirements for small passenger vessels in 46 CFR 121.710 and 184.710."

(Equivalent kits are **NOT** permitted to be marked "Coast Guard Approved")

The following is a list of first aid kit contents and instructions currently required for lifeboat first aid kits approved under 46 CFR Subchapter Q, 160.041:

(a) Items. The items contained in each first-aid kit must be those listed in Table 15(a)(i). Medicines must meet the requirements of the U.S. PHARMACOPOEIA. The items listed in Table 15(a)(i) must meet the applicable size, construction, and packaging requirements of ANSI Z308.1

Table 15(a)(i)
Contents of Lifeboat First-Aid Kit

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number of Units</u>
Adhesive Bandage Compress (16 per Unit)	2
Bandage Compress (4 per Unit) 5 cm (2 in.)	2
Bandage Compress (1 per Unit) 10 cm (4 in.)	3
Triangular Bandage (1 per Unit)	2
Absorbent Gauze Compress (1 per Unit)	2
Gauze Roller Bandage (1 per Unit) 10 cm (4 in.)	2
Aluminum Splint (1 per Unit)	1
Tourniquet (1 per Unit)	1
Eye Dressing Packet (Pads & Strips) (4 per Unit)	1
Eye Wash Solution (30 ml (1 oz) per Unit)	2
Ammonia Inhalants (10 per Unit)	1
Antiseptic Swabs (10 per Unit)	1
Burn Treatment Compound, Ointment Type (3.0 grams (0.11 oz.)) (6 per Unit)	2
Aspirin, 324 milligram (5 grain) tablets (48 per Unit)	2



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